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SUBJECT:US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT 02.11-11;
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

1. N. C. YOST, US LEADER, PROJECT 02.11-11, RECEIVED LETTER
IN LATE 1977 FROM SOVIET COUNTERPART O. S. KOLBASOV, PRO-
POSING VISIT OF US DELEGATION TO USSR IN JUNE 1978 FOR
MEETINGS TO DISCUSS TOPIC "LEGAL FORMS OF PUBLIC PARTICIPA-
TION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE US AND USSR."
KOLBASOV REQUESTED US CONFIRMATION OF TENTATIVE DATES AND
THEME OF MEETING. A SUBSEQUENT TELEX FROM KOLBASOV REQUESTED
PROMPT REPLY TO LETTER.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM YOST TO O. S.
KOLBASOV, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV.
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3. FEBRUARY 16, 1978 02.11-11

DR. O. S. KOLBASOV
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DEAR DR. KOLBASOV:

THE US SIDE ACCEPTS THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER AND TELEGRAM FOR A VISIT BY US SPECIALISTS TO MEET WITH THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS IN MID-JUNE 1978 FOR 14 DAYS UNDER PROJECT 02.11-11. WE AGREE WITH YOUR THEME FOR DISCUSSION, "LEGAL FORMS OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE US AND USSR," AND APPROVE THE SUGGESTION OF V. G. SOKOLOVSKIY MADE AT THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE THAT THIS AND SUBSEQUENT SIMILAR EXCHANGES SHOULD BE ON A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS.

WE ANTICIPATE A US DELEGATION OF SEVEN SPECIALISTS, INCLUDING BOTH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH NATURE CONSERVATION. WE SHALL INFORM YOU OF THE NAMES AND SUBJECTS OF THE REPORTS OF THE DELEGATION MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE PROGRAM YOU SUGGEST SOUNDS EXCELLENT. WE HOPE THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOVIET NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS FOR NATURE PROTECTION.

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WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES OF A VISIT TO THE US BY A SOVIET SPECIALIST FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS TO STUDY AT APPROPRIATE US INSTITUTIONS. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR SUGGESTED PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE PREFERRED FIELDS OF CONCENTRATED STUDY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE US NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROVISIONS WOULD FORM A PORTION OF THE AREA OF INTEREST.

I APOLOGIZE DEEPLY FOR OUR DELAY IN RESPONDING TO YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL, BUT TRUST THAT WE CAN NOW MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER IN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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